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SUBJECT: TIMES OF INDIA ATTACKS GOI NUCLEAR POLICY

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OP-ED PIECE IN THIS MORNING'S "TIMES" BY V.S. KURUP SUGGESTING
REVIEW OF GOI POLICY ON REPROCESSING, CRITICISING PM'S PNE STAND
AND ATTACKING SETHNA'S MANAGEMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, POINTS
UP SEVERAL CRITICAL PROBLEMS IN OUR NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH INDIA.
IT HIGHLIGHTS SETHNA'S DIFFICULTIES IN CONTROLLING IAEC SCIENTISTS
WHILE HE TRIES TO IMPLEMENT PM'S POLICY OF SEEKING ACCOMMODATION
WITH U.S. OVER DIFFERENCES IN NUCLEAR POLICY. SECONDLY IT REFLECTS
DETERMINATION OF MANY IAEC SCIENTISTS AND OFFICIALS TO MOVE AHEAD
WITH REPROCESSING, WHICH THEY CONSIDER FUNDAMENTAL TO BREEDER,
THE CENTERPIECE OF INDIA'S LONGER-TERM NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.
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OF MOST IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE ARTICLE MAKES CLEAR URGENCY OF GETTING
ON WITH RERACKING PROGRAM IF WE ARE TO HAVE WORKING ROOM TO DEAL
WITH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES. ARTICLE COMES CLOSE TO SAYING DIRECTLY
THAT RERACKING IS A U.S. DEVICE WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO DIVERT
INDIA'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM INTO CHANNELS THAT DO NOT SERVE
INDIA'S BEST INTERESTS. UNLESS OUR ACTIONS SHOW CLEARLY THAT WE
ARE COOPERATING FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN INTERIM RERACKING THERE

WILL BE EVEN MORE PRESSURE ON SETHNA TO TRY OTHER SOLUTIONS TO
PROBLEM OF KEEPING REACTORS GOING. IF SUCH EVIDENCE NEEDED THIS
ARTICLE UNDERSCORES DANGER OF FURTHER DELAY IN PROGRAM FOR RE-
RACKING TARAPUR POOLS.

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